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CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Education, chaired by Senator Raikes, reports LB 634 to General File. I have a series of notice of hearings from the Natural Resources Committee, signed by Senator Schrock; and a new A bill. (Read LB 72A by title for the first time.) That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 407-408.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next agenda item, LB 89.

CLERK: LB 89 by Senator Byars. (Read title.) Introduced on January 6, referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File. At this time I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Byars, to open on LB 89.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. LB...the language in LB 89 was brought to me by the Nebraska Dental Association to be able to conduct what is called a mission of mercy program, and I'll describe that program a little bit later. But, basically, LB 89 would authorize a temporary permit in Nebraska to a dentist from another state. The dentist has to be recommended by the board of examiners in the other state. The Nebraska Board of Dentistry has to grant temporary practice rights with the approval of the department. The period of the temporary permit cannot exceed 3 months in any 12-month period, and the language is nearly identical to the language in Nebraska Statute 71-1,103, which is authority for physicians and surgeons to obtain temporary practice rights. A mission of mercy program is a clinic in an underserved part of the state where there are not enough dental practitioners to adequately address the oral health needs of the area. Volunteer dentists staff the clinic, and these dentists include volunteers from other states. And in order to work at the events that are held, the out-of-state dentists need a temporary practice permit. There are other states who conduct the mission of mercy program. Virginia and Kansas are two. The Kansas Dental Foundation has agreed to loan the Nebraska Dental Association the portable chairs it owns for the purpose of conducting this mission, and they're planning on conducting their first MOM project in the state of Nebraska in